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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 618

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 618, AS AMENDED, by  
3 replacing the introductory clause of Section 5 with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
6 27-24.2 and by adding Section 22-60 as follows:"; and

7 by inserting after the last line of Sec. 22-60 of Section 5 the  
8 following:

9 "(105 ILCS 5/27-24.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.2)

10 Sec. 27-24.2. Safety education; driver education course.  
11 Instruction shall be given in safety education in each of  
12 grades one through 8, equivalent to one class period each week,  
13 and any school district which maintains grades 9 through 12  
14 shall offer a driver education course in any such school which  
15 it operates. Its curriculum shall include content dealing with

1 Chapters 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16 of the Illinois Vehicle Code,  
2 the rules adopted pursuant to those Chapters insofar as they  
3 pertain to the operation of motor vehicles, and the portions of  
4 the Litter Control Act relating to the operation of motor  
5 vehicles. The course of instruction given in grades 10 through  
6 12 shall include an emphasis on the development of knowledge,  
7 attitudes, habits, and skills necessary for the safe operation  
8 of motor vehicles, including motorcycles insofar as they can be  
9 taught in the classroom, and instruction on distracted driving  
10 as a major traffic safety issue. In addition, the course shall  
11 include instruction on special hazards existing at and required  
12 safety and driving precautions that must be observed at  
13 emergency situations, highway construction and maintenance  
14 zones, and railroad crossings and the approaches thereto. The  
15 course of instruction required of each eligible student at the  
16 high school level shall consist of a minimum of 30 clock hours  
17 of classroom instruction and a minimum of 6 clock hours of  
18 individual behind-the-wheel instruction in a dual control car  
19 on public roadways taught by a driver education instructor  
20 endorsed by the State Board of Education. Both the classroom  
21 instruction part and the practice driving part of such driver  
22 education course shall be open to a resident or non-resident  
23 student attending a non-public school in the district wherein  
24 the course is offered. Each student attending any public or  
25 non-public high school in the district must receive a passing  
26 grade in at least 8 courses during the previous 2 semesters

1 prior to enrolling in a driver education course, or the student  
2 shall not be permitted to enroll in the course; provided that  
3 the local superintendent of schools (with respect to a student  
4 attending a public high school in the district) or chief school  
5 administrator (with respect to a student attending a non-public  
6 high school in the district) may waive the requirement if the  
7 superintendent or chief school administrator, as the case may  
8 be, deems it to be in the best interest of the student. A  
9 student may be allowed to commence the classroom instruction  
10 part of such driver education course prior to reaching age 15  
11 if such student then will be eligible to complete the entire  
12 course within 12 months after being allowed to commence such  
13 classroom instruction.

14 Such a course may be commenced immediately after the  
15 completion of a prior course. Teachers of such courses shall  
16 meet the certification requirements of this Act and regulations  
17 of the State Board as to qualifications.

18 Subject to rules of the State Board of Education, the  
19 school district may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$250  
20 ~~\$50~~, to students who participate in the course, unless a  
21 student is unable to pay for such a course, in which event the  
22 fee for such a student must be waived. The total amount from  
23 driver education fees and reimbursement from the State for  
24 driver education must not exceed the total cost of the driver  
25 education program in any year and must be deposited into the  
26 school district's driver education fund as a separate line item

1 budget entry. All moneys deposited into the school district's  
2 driver education fund must be used solely for the funding of a  
3 high school driver education program approved by the State  
4 Board of Education that uses driver education instructors  
5 endorsed by the State Board of Education.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-339, eff. 8-21-07; 96-734, eff. 8-25-09.)".